Corruption in KVS

1345. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several MPs had made written and oral submissions to him during 1992-95 to institute a high level probe into multifacet corruption prevailing in Kendriya Vidyalaya San-gathan at the instance of the then Human Resource Minister and officers of KVS as detailed in some open letters addressed to him; and

(b) if so, what has been the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Some of the Members of Parliament had forwarded representations listing certain grievances /demands including demand for conducting an enquiry into the alleged irregularities. For the period 1992 up to 26 May, 1995, the competent authority of the Sangathan, having looked into the allegations, was of the opinion that these allegations do not warrant any further enquiry as they are obscure and without substance. For the period after 26 May, 1995, information is being gathered and will be placed on the table of the Sabha.

Formalities for opening computer training institutes

1346. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) if school has its Computers and a fully equipped Computer Centre, whether it can start its own computer training courses on the lines of those being run by the hundreds of computer training institutes in the various cities;

(b) if so, what are the formalities required to be completed by these schools and,the precautions to be taken; and

(c) what steps are being taken to en courage computer education in the soc iety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) (1) In Schools which are affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Education or affiliated to any of the other State Board, students are required to follow the curricula/courses as also appear for examinations as prescribed by the Board. Such schools are not permitted to offer any other courses other than those prescribed by the Board. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme called "Computer Literacy & Studies in Schools" (CLASS), some Govt. / Govt.; aided schools are conducting computer classes for enabling students to get hands on experience on computers.

(2) The Govt, has taken various measures to encourage computer education. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme called "Computer Literacy & Studies in Schools" (CLASS) is currently under implementation by the Ministry of HRD. Under this Scheme financial assistance is given to States/UTs for providing computer hardware, software and for maintenance in Govt./Govt, aided senior secondary schools. The University Grants Commission has also provided assistance to 1983 colleges for procurement and maintenance of computer hardware. It has also provided assistance for conducting programmes in computer education in 34 Universities. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has also introduced computer education at different levels, in its affiliated schools. Courses are offered under work experience, as part of pre-vocational education